

Diversity Roundtable
Achieving a Culture that Values Diversity
Greater Lafayette Commerce
Thursday, May 7, 2026
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
The Arts Federation (TAF) and Zoom

Minutes
Impacting Change in Issues of Diversity and Inclusion
DiversityTippecanoe.org

1. Welcome/Introductions – Barb Clark, Tetia Lee, Naj McFadden, Christopher Munt, Sana Booker, Jos Holman, Joan Marshall, Joe Vanable, Chris Campbell, and Sheila Rosenthal were present.
2. Program – Brainstorming of new topics
 - a. Solar Ordinance for the County: Sheila Rosenthal
 - b. New organization that has been formed to document Black History in Tippecanoe County – Barry McKinney: Jos Holman
 - c. Connections with the Asian Community (AAPI): Tetia Lee
 - d. Food insecurity in the County: Tetia Lee
 - e. Freedom School – Brianna Hogue: Sheila Rosenthal
 - f. Update on the state of homelessness in the Community: Joan Marshall
 - g. School Superintendents: Jos Holman
 - h. SEA1 (2025): Barb Clark
 - i. Obamacare subsidies and impact on healthcare and coverage: Sheila Rosenthal and Chris Campbell
 - j. No Kings March: Christopher Munt
 - k. Jefferson Neighborhood: Jos Holman and Tetia Lee
3. Hot Topics – if time available Barb Clark
 - a. Today’s questions: Are there any reflections on the Primary Elections for the Mid-terms?
 - i. Discussion regarding the Commissioner race on the Democratic Ballot and the articulated discontent regarding the results of the vote
 - ii. It was surprising to see how much play the state senate races in Indiana received. How much of an impact will the 5 individuals that beat the incumbents have on the State of Indiana? Will they be strict to the Republican platform if elected during the general election?
4. Announcements – Barb Clark (5 minutes)
 - a. Summer Festivals: Joan thanked those present for volunteering to work the festivals to represent DRT. The Sign-Up Genius will be issued for Juneteenth in the coming weeks.

It was encouraged that all dates be included in the initial communication.

- i. Juneteenth – June 20th, 1 – 5, Columbian Park
 - ii. Hanna Festival – August 8th
 - iii. OUTFest – August 15th, 4 – 9 pm, Main St & Fifth St
 - iv. Latino Festival – September 12th, noon – 5 pm, Columbian Park
 - v. Global Fest – September 19th, 3 – 10 pm, WL City Hall
- b. Other announcements
- i. May 16: IU Health Public Forum regarding the WL hospital build scheduled for 6-8pm at the John Dennis Wellness Center

<https://iuhealth.org/for-media/press-releases/wr-iu-health-to-host-public-information-event-on-west-lafayette-hospital>

5. Future Topics – **Barb Clark** (5 minutes)

- a. June 4 – HIV Pathways, Nathan McBurnett (Christopher Munt)
- b. July 2 – Social Service and Outreach Teams from Law Enforcement agencies in Lafayette, W. Lafayette, and Tippecanoe County. Devon Moore, MSW, LCSW, Social Service & Crisis Response Specialist will coordinate. (Sheila Rosenthal). Sana Booker will facilitate.
- c. August 6
- d. Sept 3
- e. Oct 1
- f. Nov 5